

*Center for American Women and Politics  
at the Eagleton Institute of Politics  
Rutgers, The State University  
and  
Essex County College  
cordially invite you to a  
Luncheon*

*honoring former Congresswoman  
Shirley Chisholm  
as first recipient of*

*Senator Wynona Lipman Chair  
in Women's Political Leadership  
Center for American Women and Politics*

*Thursday, October 5, 2000  
12:00 Noon*

*Essex County College  
4th Level Multipurpose Room  
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Newark, New Jersey*

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**Senator Wynona Lipman** – The late Sen. Wynona Lipman, a longtime New Jersey lawmaker who championed the rights of women and children, has been honored with the establishment of the Sen. Wynona Lipman Chair in Women's Political Leadership at the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University.

Lipman, who died in May 1999 after representing her Newark district for 27 years, was the first African-American and the first – at many times, the only – woman to serve in New Jersey's Senate. She was the founder and long-time chair of the Legislature's Commission on Sex Discrimination in the Statutes, a bipartisan panel that examined the state's laws for sex discrimination and proposed remedies. Lipman sponsored groundbreaking legislative initiatives, including some of the toughest domestic violence laws in the country, as well as legislation on behalf of minority- and women-owned businesses, AIDS treatment and prevention, affirmative action, pay equity, treatment of prison inmates, child-support enforcement, child-care regulation, and low-income housing. She participated in CAWP's very first conference for women state legislators in 1972, and was a frequent speaker at the Institute.

A Georgian by birth, Lipman earned a doctorate from Columbia University and was named a Fulbright Scholar to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. At the time of her death, she was an Associate Professor at Essex County College in Business and Political Science. Her work at ECC also included leading the Saturday Seminars for Minority Entrepreneurs and spearheading legislation designating the college's WISE Women's Center as a leading Urban Center in New Jersey.

ECC is honored to host this reception recognizing the invaluable contributions Sen. Lipman made to the State of New Jersey, the County of Essex, the City of Newark and ECC. Throughout her distinguished career as a legislator and educator, Sen. Lipman was a tireless advocate for social justice who truly made a difference in the lives of all those she served.

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Founded in 1971, the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) is a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. For three decades, CAWP has conducted innovative research, education and public service programs to analyze and increase women's presence in politics. Combining the strengths of a university base with an action orientation, CAWP is distinctive within both academe and the women's political community.

*The Honorable Shirley Chisholm*, the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Congress and the first to campaign for the presidency, is known for her incisive debating style and uncompromising integrity. The New York Democrat served six terms (1969 to 1982), in the House of Representatives. Widely recognized as one of America's foremost orators, Chisholm has long championed the civil rights of all people.

Chisholm was the oldest of four girls born to parents who had emigrated from the West Indies. Always an excellent student, she majored in sociology at Brooklyn College where she was a member of the debating society, honing her "cut-and-thrust" oratory style. Her social advocacy began early with her volunteer work for the Brooklyn chapter of the National Urban League and in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

After graduating from college, Chisholm attended evening classes at Columbia University, earning a master's degree in education. She taught at a Harlem nursery school and later worked as supervisor to the largest nursery school network in New York. Her foray into politics began on the state level with her election to the New York State Assembly. Highlights of her legislative prowess included sponsoring legislation of a program that provided college funding to disadvantaged youth and successfully introducing a bill that secured unemployment insurance for domestics and day care providers.

As a Congresswoman, Chisholm worked tirelessly to advance the cause of social justice. She campaigned for higher minimum wages, funding for day care facilities and helped secure grants for community-based enterprises. In 1972, she became the first African-American woman to run for the presidency. She remains active as a political figure, an educator and a spokesperson for women's rights. All these caring qualities make her the ideal individual to serve as the first recipient of the Senator Wynona Lipman Chair in Women's Political Leadership at the Center for American Women and Politics.